

News UPDATE

Park in legal parking areas

Military Police will begin this week to attach ‘tire boots’ to illegally parked vehicles. While initially focusing on the Barton Field area, usage will gradually be expanded to other clearly marked ‘no parking’ areas. Stickers will be attached to immobilized vehicles with contact information to the Military Police Desk to arrange for ‘boot’ removal and citation issuance. POC is SFC Jackson, 791-7151.

ISR Standup

May 13 at 9 a.m., the 31st Intelligence Squadron will hold an activation ceremony for the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR)Group (Provisional).

Col. Daniel Johnson, Commander of the 480th ISR Wing, will preside over the event. The formal activation will take place later this summer.

EFMP Family Find Campaign

In accordance with Army Regulation 608-75, enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program must be updated every three years by the service member or family member. ADD Form 2792, Exceptional Family Member Medical Summary, must be completed by your primary care provider. The forms can be downloaded on Google or EFMP forms. Once the form has been completed please contact the Family Medical Clinic to update your enrollment. For more information contact Pat Love at 787-9300.



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Electric vehicles make it to Fort Gordon

Charmain Z. Brackett

Correspondent

Fifteen environmentally and economically friendly vehicles hit the streets of Fort Gordon this week. “This is part of the Go-Green initiative,” said Allan Marble, chief of the Directorate of Logistics, at a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday. The Department of the Army plans to lease 1,600 low-speed electric vehicles this year and add an additional 2,400 next year in its effort to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 34 percent. Marble said the use of the vehicles will provide significant cost savings in addition to being environmentally friendly. “Each of the vehicles will replace a fossil fuel vehicle,” he said. Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Foley, Fort Gordon’s commanding general and Chief of Signal, said the use of the vehicles is just one more way Fort Gordon works to conserve the environment. There are many organizations on post focused on the environment and its health. The preservation of wildlife, forests and water is a top concern at Fort Gordon, he said. “Everything we do at some point has an effect on the environment,” he said. Not only did Fort Gordon celebrate the arrival of the new vehicles, but the off-post community had an interest as well. Augusta Mayor Deke Copenhaver took a spin in one of the vehicles. “We appreciate Fort Gordon’s focus on sustainability and its Go-Green initiative,” he said. “It’s a goal of mine to lead the city in that direction.” Copenhaver said he’d like to replace some of the city’s fleet of vehicles with the electric ones, where possible.

Photo by Nick Spinelli

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Foley exits one of the new electric vehicles.



CSM Lane gave his all - all the time

A personal tribute by Signal Regimental Command Sergeant Major Thomas J. Clark

My name is Clark and I’m a Soldier. I have been in the Army for 30 years and will never forget the day I lost my friend and brother, Ray Lane. I miss him very much. In the days of him knowing of his illness, Ray never wavered. Though he knew how serious it was, he didn’t let it keep him down. He was a pillar of strength, dignity and undaunted courage. Ray was the epitome of the Army Values. Ray was my confidant and best friend. He was also a mentor to many. His loyalty to the Army, his family and friends was second to none. He took his duty to his country he loved very seriously. He served with, guided and trained many Soldiers into war and back home. Always knowing the price of freedom came at a higher cost, Ray was fearless. He was and still is one of the most Respected Command Sergeants Major in the Army. Countless times many have called on him for advice. I have called him for counsel, to share family joys and sorrows or even to play a practical joke – which by the way, Ray was a master. He always had a way of making it all about someone else; his mom (my other mother), his daughter, or extended family. Ray was one of the most honorable people I knew; always standing and fighting for what was right. Even in the waning days of his illness, he never faltered, never quit, remained true to himself, and never asked why. Choosing the hard right, not the easy left was the way he lived. Always one to be selfless, he gave his all -- all the time. Even when faced with adversity, Ray always stood his ground. And we all knew when Ray was right, he was right. He was one of those people who was not afraid to take things head on and to take what came his way. He had more courage than anyone I know. I thought of all these things at the beginning of his services and over the course of many years that I have known him. As I read the invitation for his funeral, I couldn’t help but feel such a mixture of emotions that I said to him, (because I know my brother, and he was listening), “I’m not crying because I feel so sorry for you, I’m crying for me.” I will try to walk you through the service, so please excuse my military approach. I tend to put things in dress right dress order. Just the way Ray would have wanted it and just the way he would have expected it for anyone else. On a bright, sunny, cloudless day, April 23rd in Arlington, Virginia, I began one of the hardest ends of a lifetime journey I have ever taken. Myself, along with Brig. Gen. Jeffrey and Mrs. Foley, Brig. Gen. Jennifer Napper and 15 Sergeants Major from across Fort Gordon were joined by literally hundreds of family and friends of Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Lane. The Escort Platoon consisted of myself and Sgt. Maj. John McCleary, Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson, Sgt. Maj. Kevin McCrary, Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Manley, Sgt. Maj. Cary Marshall, Command Sgt. Maj. Johnny Posey, Command Sgt. Maj. Vernon Praymous, Sgt. Maj. John Sanders, Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur Swingler, Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Tyce, Sgt. Maj. Vincent Washington, Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Williams and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Williams, all from the Signal Regiment. We were joined by the casket team, a color guard, a firing squad, a military band and a military chaplain. Chapel services were held in the Fort Meyer Memorial Chapel at 9 a.m. It all happened so fast, but to me, 30 years of friendship and brotherhood are everlasting. It was hard to see everything and everyone through the tears I shed for Ray. Men and women openly wept and grieved for their father, son, cousin, brother in arms. It was even harder to listen to the words spoken about Ray, because in my heart of hearts, I was speaking to him and telling him this was all about him. Of course, I could hear him say to me “Whew, I was worried there for a minute. You guys really did like me.” No, we really love you.

It was all so professional. The Old Guard Soldiers were razor sharp, well disciplined and ready. Ray would have laughed, joked, coached, mentored and maybe even taunted them as he would have walked along. He would have been proud. At that moment, I stood proud because Ray and his family deserved no less. As the chapel services ended, the casket was greeted by a caisson, made up of the most beautifully majestic black stallions ready to take Ray’s earthly body to its final resting place, and everyone presented arms. (The Stallions even knew who it was they were carrying.) The procession made its final stop at the gravesite, lead by the Chaplain and casket team, with Ray’s family following behind. The casket team secured the casket with the noncommissioned officer in charge, officer in charge and Chaplain again rendering a salute. I was again flooded with emotion that I could hear Ray saying, “Thomas pay attention.” At the gravesite, the casket was set down and Old Glory was secured, stretched, leveled and center over the casket. At the conclusion of graveside services, the Chaplain backed away and the NCOIC stepped to the casket to initiate a rifle volley. Taps -- A Soldier knows what Taps represents and no real Soldier can listen to it without thinking of the thousands of Soldiers who gave their lives for the freedoms all Americans enjoy today. Every one of those Soldiers come back to life in those brief still moments between a Bugler and silence. Ray and I stood beside each other on such occasions and talked about love and loss. As the team leader began to fold Old Glory, many of us wept, thinking of Ray and what he meant to each and every one of us. When the folding was com-



Courtesy photo

Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Lane – Nov. 20, 1958 to March 4, 2010.

plete, the flag was passed to the NCOIC, who then passed it to the presiding officer and the casket team left the gravesite. Lt. Gen. Carroll Pollett presented two flags that day, one to Ray’s daughter and one to his mother. An Arlington Lady as gracious as she is on such days, presented cards of condolences. It was all so professional, just like Ray. Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Smith, Ray’s old commander, said it best when he was asked to jot a few things down about his old Command Sergeant Major. He said this: “Indeed, much of Ray’s approach as a command sergeant major was derived from his own world view: he knew how difficult, often how rare, it was for a young boy or girl to escape his or her own socio-economic and cultural circumstances. For Command Sgt. Maj. Lane, a Soldier must first recognize that success in the Army was a prerequisite for success on Earth at all. Reenlistment was no pursuit of statistics. Reenlistment measured whether or not the Soldier understood this basic fact, that Service to the Nation was the means to achieve transcendence here on Earth. It was certainly Command Sgt. Maj. Lane’s. But if Ray was worldly--and occasionally to a fault--he was also innocent. He saw things as lovely, beautiful, safe, fair or not. His sentences were sheer frictionless candor, almost a frightening echo of his brain: delivering us straight to the heart of his rage; or to the source of his joy, with notes so emotionally direct that they could only have been written by a child: only my own family has sent me more notes that have ended with “I love you”; or “Love You, Bro.” It takes quite a man to say that to another man. So, yes, Ray was a man in the embrace of eternal youth. But he was also always a boy who took pleasure in the uncomplicated emotions characteristic of a close family. “ In the weeks that have passed since Ray died, I have found myself picking up the phone to call him and let him know the things going in the Signal world, the joyous occasions in life or just to talk. I have sent emails out with him on the addressee line waiting for a response. We shared all of our professional and most personal moments. It is at those times I remember he is no longer here with us. Ray and I were battle buddies, best friends and brothers from other mothers. Though I will never forget the day he left my life, more importantly, I will never forget the day he came into my life. I miss you, Brother! He name was Lane and he was a Soldier.

Viewpoint

INFORMATION, OPINIONS AND COMMENTARY

Post’s FMWR pays tribute to esteemed employee

Bonnie Heater
Signal newspaper

The Fort Gordon Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation recently lost one of its valuable employees. Donna Wisner, a management analyst who was the FMWR director’s right hand person for 7 years, passed away at the age of 62 on Good Friday, April 2.

The Augusta native was a resident of Grovetown at the time of her death. Wisner began her career at the Class Six Store October 1984, which at the time was managed by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

She worked more than 25 years for Fort Gordon’s FMWR in different locations and capacities. Wisner was known for her exceptional organizational skills. “Donna [Wisner] exemplified the highest qualities imaginable of a valued team member,” said James Green, Fort Gordon’s Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation director. “She was truly the Fort Gordon FMWR Matriarch who took tremendous

pride in the quality of all administrative actions.” Wisner, a lung cancer survivor of 7 years, required the use of a nebulizer, a breathing device, twice a day, but her staff knew her always to be the first one into work and the last one to leave.

The mother of three sons: John, William and Chris, never had any daughters, but she affectionately referred to two of her younger female staff members as her daughters. Brandi Grubb, a FMWR management assistant, was known as daughter number 1. “She understood people’s personalities and she felt comfortable being herself around everyone,” Grubb said. “She wouldn’t accept sub-standard performance and she held her peers to the highest levels of quality and professionalism.”

Danielle Hayes, a FMWR Business Operations Division management assistant, was daughter #2. “Although I only had the pleasure of working with Ms. Donna [Wisner] for a short time, I was honored that she referred to me as ‘Daughter number 2,’” Hayes said. “She was caring, witty and had a wealth of



Courtesy photo

knowledge. She always had the answers to my questions. Brandi [Grubb] and I learned so much from her, and not a day goes by that we don’t miss her.”

Although Wisner was well known for her candid reminders to the staff when a suspense was late or an action had to be returned for corrections, she also showed her fun side from time to time. At the age of 60 she had a butterfly tattooed on her ankle. “I always wanted one” she told her staff at the time.

In her spare she listened to country music, played Bingo and

spent time with her Chihuahua, “Killer.” Just about everyone knew her favorite color was purple and she loved Teddy Bears of all sizes and shapes. The avid bear collector had them displayed on her desk and office area. “After she passed away, her family requested that her friends and FMWR family each take a bear as a remembrance,” said Hayes. “Ms. Donna’s [Wisner] bears are spread all over FMWR.”

During Wisner’s lifetime she was a member of the Dearing United Methodist Church. There she loved to participate in the “Walk of the Emmaus” at the church.

“Donna [Wisner] was a very caring and religious person, but she did have her moments when she went home and had to pray for forgiveness for having to push everyone’s buttons too hard to get things done,” said Bill Wren, Sports and Recreation Division chief. “She was like a mother figure to many people and watched over them to make sure they had all of their ‘ducks in a row’. She will not only be missed at FMWR, but at Fort Gordon and the world as a whole.”

Purple Heart recipient reenlists

Siobhan Carlile
Signal Staff

The 63rd Expeditionary Signal Battalion held a reenlistment and promotion ceremony for Sgt. Christopher Wroblewski, a Purple Heart recipient and former combat engineer, May 3 on Barton Field as his entire battalion and family shared the occasion. He is a team leader in Company A.

“There are not too many people in this formation who have given more than Sgt. Wroblewski... We are more than honored to be a part of this event at the battalion level.” said Lt. Col. Robert Edmonson, 63rd ESB commander.

Not known to take the easy way out, Wroblewski said after his injury he was offered to reclassify his military occupational specialty and he wanted a challenge. “Go big or go home,” he said. He chose to reclass as a 25N Nodal Network Systems Operator/Maintainer. “Pinning” him to sergeant was his daughter Rebecca and Sgt. Kenneth Geary, Company B, who helped him during his initial transition into the unit.

Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Minietta, the 63rd ESB Chaplain read the oath of reenlistment and made a few remarks on his behalf. He said he admired Wroblewski’s humility when he asked for help, his willingness to become a better father, husband and Soldier, and most of all his tenacity to stay in the Army and endure, to do whatever he needed to do. “That is what makes a great leader,” he said.



Photo by Siobhan Carlile

Chap. (Capt.) Brian Minietta leads Sgt. Christopher Wroblewski, in his oath of reenlistment.

The Signal Regimental Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Clark was also in attendance and offered his congratulations and encouragement to the battalion. “Right here stand the heroes. ... There is no better time to be a Soldier.” He also thanked Wroblewski’s wife, Tayna for her sacrifice and dedication.

Voting out of state no problem

Voting Assistance Office

The Army Voting Assistance Program is designed to make registration and voting information, materials, and assistance readily available to all eligible voters and provide them every opportunity and encouragement to register and vote in Federal, State and Local elections.

If a Soldier or civilian is away from his or her legal voting residence, they must follow the guidelines of their particular state or territory for voting absentee. Rules and dates vary from state to state. One important change that absentee voters should be aware of is covered under the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act (NDAA FY10), which requires all overseas and military voters to re-register every election cycle versus every two cycles as required in the past. This

means that the uniformed service member and their dependents must complete a new Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) every election year. Individual state information can be obtained from the state election website at www.fvap.gov/link/statelinks.html

To register or request a ballot, the citizen uses the Federal Post Card Application, Standard Form 76 (FPCA, SF 76). The FPCA is a postage-paid (within the US postal system, including APO and FPO addresses and US Embassies and Consulates) postcard for use by absentee voters covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. The FPCA serves most states and territories as an absentee voter registration application and an absentee ballot request. These forms can be obtained through your Unit Voting Assistance Officer or most states and territories accept

the online FPCA form which is available on the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at www.fvap.gov. In order to receive an absentee ballot in a timely manner, it is imperative for citizens to keep their local election official informed of address changes. For more information regarding voting, please contact your unit voting assistance officer.

Unit Voting Assistance Officers have been appointed to ensure that unit members and their voting-age dependents have ready access to absentee voter registration, ballot requests and absentee submission information and deadlines.

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June 2010: Army Voter Registration Month
June 28 – July 7: Armed Forces Voter’s Week
Sept. 27 – Oct. 4: Absentee Voter’s Week



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By Bonnie Heater

Mother’s Day is Sunday.
Do you have a special message for your mom?



Thank you for making me a better person.

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Tiffany Ulrich
Navy Information Operations Command Georgia

I love you. You are the best mom I could ever have.

Robert Besel
Life Scout



Miss you mom.

Spc. Robert Moore
Company C, 551st Signal Battalion

I miss you; I love you. I hope you have a good Mother's Day.

Pvt. Kevin Fischer
Company C, 369th Signal Battalion



I love you and I hope you're happy.

Pvt. Andrew Schaertl
Company C, 369th Signal Battalion

I hope you have a great Mother's Day. I'm sorry I'm not there. Hopefully, my brother is taking good care of you.

Pvt. Gregory Boutwell
Company C, 369th Signal Battalion



Springfest marks season

Charmain Z. Brackett

Correspondent

Jim Green sees a big future for the festival that was once Cinco De Mayo. “We’re hoping to expand and make this a regional event,” said Green, chief of the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation of the festival known as Spring Fest, which was held at Barton Field April 29-May 2.

Staples of the spring event include lots of food, carnival rides and the Fort Gordon Flea Market, but this year, more community entertainment as well as an art exhibit was added.

“There is a tremendous merging of community performances,” said Steve Walpert, Fort Gordon’s entertainment director.

The Augusta Players presented numbers from its production of Annie while Storyland Theatre showcased scenes from its recent show, Beauty and the Beast. On Sunday, Symphony Orchestra Augusta made its Fort Gordon debut.

In addition, the BOSS Talent Show and Teen Talent Show were held, and there was an outdoor theater production of A Midsummer Night’s (Sci Fi) Dream, a collaborative production of Fort Gordon, Augusta State University and the community at large.

An art exhibit featuring winners of the Woodworth Consolidated Library’s art show was also part of the festivities. Other art related items included a mural for children to participate in and an outdoor weaving project.

Around Town

Get outside, learn some history

Charmain Z. Brackett

Correspondent

May is archaeology month in Georgia, and the Augusta Museum of History will present a special program to give people a look into this science of discovering the past.

“Providing opportunities to learn and to celebrate the past is critical to the mission of the Museum. Visitors will see firsthand artifacts and experience demonstrations of how those artifacts were made and used in daily life,” said Nancy Glaser, Executive Director of the Augusta Museum of History, in a prepared statement.

The Archaeology Day program will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the 1797 Ezekiel Harris House, at 1822 Broad St.

Archaeologists will be on site to talk about artifacts. There will be local artifacts on display from digs at Stallings Island, a major Native American Indian settlement on the Savannah



Photo by Charmain Z. Brackett

A little boy works on the community weaving project.

The ever-popular Fort Gordon Service Club spring flea market drew lots of early birds, according to Debbie Windhorn, who has co-chaired the flea market with Judi Pitts for eight years.

“We had about 115 vendors, and there were lots of people here earlier,” she said.

The service club shows about \$2,000 in profits from the market, said Windhorn. Each year, the service club organizes two flea markets. Proceeds are returned to the community in the form of grants to non-profits and college scholarships. The organization distributed \$35,000 for this purpose on April 29.

River about eight miles from Augusta.

Children will be able to learn about flint knapping or the process of making stone tools.

In case of rain, the event will be held at the Augusta Museum of History, 560 Reynolds St. For more information, call (706) 722-8454.

Downtown Augusta is the place to be on the first Friday of each month.

First Friday is a showcase for local musicians and artists as well as for downtown businesses some of which extended their hours simply for this event.

Among the events Friday include the Welcome to Happy Sad art show by the artist known as Porkchop at Tire City on 10th Street.; also the First Friday car show sponsored by the CSRA Road Angels at the Augusta Common.

For more information, call the Greater Augusta Arts Council at 826-4702 or visit www.augustaarts.com

National Children’s Book Week, May 10-14

Charmain Z. Brackett

Correspondent

Children’s events are at the forefront of Woodworth Consolidated Library’s programming next week as

the library staff celebrates National Children’s Book Week beginning Monday.

“This is to promote a lifelong love of reading in children,” said librarian, Jessica Thompson.

Children visiting the library on Monday will receive special gifts and have the opportunity to guess the number of jelly beans in a jar. The contest will run through Sunday, May 16.

On Tuesday children are encouraged todress up as characters from their favorite books and hear a story with a special guest. The activity will begin at 11 a.m.

The fun ends on Wednesday with regular story time at 11 a.m. In addition, children will receive kites.

Thompson said if it’s windy outside, the event may move outside to give

everyone a chance to fly the kites.

Thompson said the idea is to have fun events at the library so children associate reading with fun.

Another event had been planned for Thursday; however, it has been cancelled.

Library staff will be receiving training that day, and the library will be closed.



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Community Briefs

Newcomers Club

The Augusta Area Newcomers Club, a non-profit organization that helps people who are new to the area get acclimated, make friends, and get involved with charitable organizations, is hosting its monthly luncheon May 20 at the Morris Museum with a speaker from the museum. Cost for the luncheon is \$18. For reservations or more information contact hospitality@augustanewcomers.com or call Laura Dobbins at 364-6824.

Casualty Notification Officers training

Fort Gordon will be conducting Casualty Notification Officer and Casualty Notification Assistant Officer training May 7 in Room 229B in Darling Hall. The training is mandatory for all CNOs and CAOs in the rank of Sergeants Major and above, Chief Warrant Officers 2 and above, and officers in the rank of first lieutenants and above with six years or more of active duty service. For more information and to schedule training sessions, call Johnny Wright, CAC training instructor at 791-8691.

BOSS events

The post’s Better Opportunities for Single Service Members program is hosting several events in May, June and July. Some of the events include: a Mother’s Day canoe trip and picnic on the canal in Augusta May 9, Sky Diving May 8-9, Georgia backpacking and camping trip to Jekyll Island May 21-23; deep sea fishing May 28-29 and a historic Banning Mills Tree Top Zipline tour to be held Memorial Day, May 31. An off road biking and kayaking trip is slated for June 5-6 and June 13; whitewater rafting is planned June 19-20 and again July 9-10. Hang gliding is scheduled July 17-18. Minimum participation is required for the scheduled trips to take place. For more information about any of these events contact Dov Estroff at 791-2556.

Operation Augusta Cares

The Family Y and Quest Church in Augusta is sponsoring “Operation Augusta Cares - A Fun Day for Families of Deployed Service Members” 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. May 8 at the Family Y Water Park and Sports Complex at 3750 Wheeler Road in Augusta. Magician show times are noon and 1:30 p.m. The event is free to families of deployed Soldiers. For more information contact your Family Readiness Group coordinator.



FEW program

The Garden City Chapter of the Federally Employed Women is hosting Cecelia Kemp, prevention specialist from the Augusta Rape Crisis Center, 11:30 a.m. May 11 at the Gordon Club. She plans to conduct a rape assessment to find out what people know about rape. Kemp will also discuss some myths about the rape and talk about what a victim goes through after reporting a rape. May is Rape Crisis Month. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Mary Hammond, the chapter’s president at 791-7913.

Paine College registration

Paine College Fort Gordon registration for Summer Term 2010 online and evening classroom courses begins May 13 - 25. First day of classes begins May 26. The term ends July 7.

Classes are being offered in the areas of General Education, Elementary Spanish and Sociology. For more information call 793-2030 or visit the Paine Office at the Fort Gordon Education Building 21606, on Barnes Avenue.

Children’s Book Week

The Woodworth Consolidated Library, Building. 33500, located on 549 Rice Road, is celebrating Children’s Book Week May 10-13. Come in for balloons and other goodies, while supplies last, May 10. Special Story Time begins 11 a.m. May 11; children are encouraged to dress up in their favorite book character. Come out and enjoy kite flying 11 a.m. May 12 during Special Story Time. Bingo Day kicks off 11 a.m. May 13. Children and adults play bingo for prizes. Come in all week and try to guess how many jelly beans are in the jar; there’s a prize for the correct guess. For more information call 791-2449.

Retention Training

The Signal Center of Excellence will host a Mobile Retention Training Course 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 17 - 21 at the U.S. Army Reserve Center, Building 14401, located at 15th and Lane Avenue. Training is for full-time battalion and company level additional duty reenlistment noncommissioned officers. The Mobile Retention Training Team from the Recruiting and Retention School is conducting this course. The Army Combat Uniform is the training uniform.

The Mobile Retention Training Course will provide Reenlistment NCOs with the latest information on the Army’s retention policies, processing procedures and regulatory guidance.

At the conclusion of the course, an information senior leaders’ retention presentation will be held 10 -11 a.m. May 21 at Alexander Hall. A graduation ceremony is scheduled for those who complete the course. For more information call Sgt. Maj. Jarvise Fields, installation sergeant major, at 791-4725.

Waiting Spouse Support Group

The Fort Gordon Army Community Service is hosting Waiting Spouse Support Group 2010, a Yellow Room Activity event 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. May 18 at the Family Outreach Building, located behind the Woodworth Library. The waiting spouse support group is open to all military family members whose sponsors are on extended temporary duty assignments, unaccompanied tours or deployed. At this event families receive information to target their special needs. There’s an opportunity to socialize with other family members whose sponsors are away. Childcare is

available at no cost; children must be registered with Child and Youth

Services. There’s age appropriate material for youth and fun activities. For more information call Shawn Williams at 791-1958 or LeTonya Hudson at 791-5262. For childcare contact Kathleen Duncan at 791-1305.

Summer Camp

Fort Gordon’s U.S. Army Child, Youth and School Services are offering School Age Services Summer Camp May 24 - Aug. 6 on post. Children must be currently enrolled in first grade. Weekly fee is based on total household income. Children of active duty service members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and contractors are welcome. For more information call 791-4722.

Summer Reading program

The Woodworth Consolidated Library’s 2010 Summer Reading program kicks off 10 a.m. June 2 with an official sign-up and “Getting to Know the Library” session. Summer reading activities are scheduled 10 a.m. every Wednesday through July 28 at the post library, Building. 33500, 549 Rice Road. The theme for this year’s reading program is “Voyage to Book Island”. Each week there’s a new activity; the program offers a series of fun and encouraging educational and reading activities for children ages 2-14. It’s been found early exposure to reading encourages and promotes a love of learning in children and higher success rates in school. For more information call Joyce Daniels at 791-4662 or 791-7323.

Submissions

Send items for the Community Briefs column to Bonnie Heater at bonnie.heater@us.army.mil or drop items off at Room 215, Nelson Hall.

At the Movies

The Signal Theater, located at 25th and Barnes Avenue, is open Friday-Sunday. Shows begin at 6:30 p.m. Regular admission for adults is \$4, children \$2, under age 5 free. For information call (706) 791-3982.*Indicates a 2 p.m. Matinee. Children age 2 and under attend free during matinees.

May 7 through May 9

Friday - Hot Tub Machine (R)

Saturday - How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

Sunday - Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG)

Note: Attendance at Fort Gordon’s movie theater is strictly limited to authorized Post Exchange patrons.

Fort Gordon Service Club assists local organizations, high school seniors

Bonnie Heater
Signal staff

The Fort Gordon Service Club gave away more than \$30,000 during their Annual Scholarship and Service Award Banquet held April 29 at T-Bonz Restaurant in Augusta.

The Club’s president, Eva Proudfit, kicked off the event with a warm welcome and a brief explanation of the significance of the evening’s affair. “We raised \$35,000 this year and now we are putting the money back into our community,” Proudfit said.

A dinner followed after Judi Pitts, a FGSC member, gave the invocation. After dinner retired Col. Jack Bryant, U.S. Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon former chief of staff, and Nancy Moore, the chairperson for the FGSC Welfare and Services committee, gave out financial grants. Sixteen local organizations received these grants; a total of \$17,500 was awarded to various post and community organizations, area high school Reserve Officers’ Training Corps programs, and military affiliated groups.

The organizations at Fort Gordon which received a share of these charitable financial gifts were Fisher House and its newspaper, the Fisher House Thanksgiving Dinner fund, American Red Cross, Christmas House, Quilt for Christmas House, Veterinary Services, Youth Challenge Academy, and Occupational Therapy.

High School Junior ROTC programs receiving monetary gifts were Evans High School, Glenn Hills, Butler, Lakeside, Westside and Hephzibah.

Community financial grants were distributed to Augusta Training Shop, Alzheimer’s Association, Interfaith Hospitality, Child Enrichment, Golden Harvest Food Bank, Hope House, Junior Achievement, Concerned Women Inc., and Safe Homes of Augusta.

Southeastern Paralyzed Vets, National Military Family Association, Blue Goose, Army Distaff and Armed Forces Retirement also received grants.

Before the High School Merit Scholarships were presented Bryant spoke to the scholarship recipients. He wished them the best and reminded them that their parents would be a phone call away. “Remember to drop them an occasional note or post card,” Bryant said. “Thank them for raising you up!”

Bryant and Julie Thornton, chairperson for the FGSC Scholarship program, presented checks for a total of \$17, 500 in scholarship money to local senior high school students. The individual scholarships ranged from \$600 to \$2,500. Sixteen area high school students received scholarships, but not all could attend. A few students had school obligations that evening.

Recipients of FGSC High School Merit Scholarships are Emily Weisz, a student at Greenbrier High School who plans to study in the field of genetic research, and Zidisha Dambuzza, a Harlem High School senior who wants to major in fashion merchandising at the University of Georgia. She aspires to own and operate a clothing boutique.

Cameron Guthrie, attends Augusta Prep and plans to study math or engineering at Georgia Tech. Michelle Clum, a Davidson Fine Arts student, wants to major in biological science at the University of Georgia. Her ultimate dream is becoming a pediatrician. Jonathan Larry, attends North Augusta High School and plans to major in business administration at the University of South Carolina in Aiken, S.C. He aspires to be a future Chief Executive Officer.

DeAshley Smith, a senior at A. R. Johnson High School, wants to attend Georgia State to pursue a career as an anesthesiologist. Katrina Franklin attends Grovetown High School and plans to major in civil or general engineering at the Citadel while earning a commission as a naval officer.

Jenna Daines attends Grovetown High School and plans to become an orthopedic surgeon. Amanda Winkfield is a senior at Glenn Hills. She will be studying chemistry at Armstrong Atlantic State University in the fall and hopes to become a pharmacist.

Samantha Brown, a senior at Hephzibah High School, aspires to become a veterinarian and Ashlyn Proctor , who attends Curtis Baptist School, will be majoring in psychology at Augusta State University with the intend of working for the Federal Behavioral Analysis Unit or the Naval Criminal Investigative Services.

Jasmine Hines, a senior at Davidson Fines Arts School, will be pursuing a musical education at

Georgia Southern; Ariel Benton, attends ARC, and plans to become physical therapists; and Andy Pringle, a senior at Lakeside High School, has been accepted at Reinhardt College where he will be studying sports medicine.

Nicholas Ingwersen, a Greenbrier High School senior, plans to major in science or engineering and Erica Foster, a senior at Evans High School, wants to study in the area of occupational therapy.

Joanie Bryant, editor of the FGSC newsletter, closed the affair with a few words of gratitude. The Fort Gordon Service Club is made up of wives and husbands of military and civilian personnel, active duty and retired, as well as personnel currently working at Fort Gordon, Bryant said. “We volunteer our time together for the common purpose of giving back to our community. Our service awards and scholarships are made possible by our many fund-raising activities including the operation of the spring and fall flea markets, the Fort Gordon Thrift Shop, and the PX [Post Exchange] Christmas gift-wrapping booth.”

Anyone affiliated with Fort Gordon: military, retirees, Department of Defense civilians, contractors and their adult family members can join. Annual dues are \$15 a year and can be mailed to the Fort Gordon Service Club, P.O. Box 7289, Fort Gordon, GA. 30905. For more information call Eva Proudfit at 863-3306 or visit Ljpemj@comcast.net or contact Evette Ingwersen at 210-0341 or visit EK140@earthlink.net.



Photo by Bonnie Heater

Area high school students, all Fort Gordon Service Club High School Merit Scholarships recipients, mingle following the FGSC Scholarship and Service Awards Banquet held April 29 at the T-Bonz Restaurant in Augusta.

Retired colonel still serves Soldiers

Charmain Z. Brackett
Correspondent

Retired Col. Phillip Riley visited Fort Gordon and the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center last week with a mission.

“This will help us to identify issues” facing Soldiers and families, said Riley, the director of National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions for the American Legion national staff about his three-day area visit.

A 1966 graduate of the United States Military Academy and a veteran of the Vietnam War, Riley spent 27 years in the Army. In the past four decades, Riley has seen many positive changes, but there are still things which he believes should change.

One of his concerns is the

“seamless transition” of a service member from the Department of Defense to the Veterans Administration system.

“We’re making progress,” he said. “The biggest thing we are seeing is there is no appeal process.”

Medical conditions, sometimes, are not diagnosed until after the service member has been discharged, and in some circumstances, had these conditions been diagnosed while on active duty, it could have resulted in a medical retirement, he said.

He’s also concerned with an attitude which has been in the military since his days of active service.

He feels that some with post traumatic stress disorder are stigmatized and are afraid to seek

treatment options because of it.

“It’s a weakness to go into the system,” he said.

Fact-finding missions sometimes result in the American Legion lobbying for legislation, but if dialogue results in a solution to a problem being found at the local level, Riley said that is the preferred method.

“We really believe in good dialogue,” he said.

During his trip to Fort Gordon and Augusta, Riley heard many needs that his organization could probably handle, such as the desire for a picnic table for patients who take part in the Traumatic Brain Injury functional recovery program housed across from Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

Resident works with wounded warriors

Charmain Z. Brackett
Correspondent

When it comes to highlighting the concerted efforts of the Department of Defense, the Veterans Administration and the civilian community in Augusta in assisting wounded warriors, Laurie Ott is more than willing to lend a hand.

“I was contacted and asked to coordinate the visits,” said Ott, the director of the CSRA Wounded Warrior Care Project, who helped Retired Col. Phillip Riley, the Director of National Security and Foreign Relations Division, National Staff of the American Legion, during his

April 20-22 visit to Augusta’s Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center and Fort Gordon.

“We have a great relationship with the American Legion,” she said.

Her organization is concerned with the quality of medical care Soldiers receive as well as family re-integration and employment opportunities for service members should they separate from the military.

Ott said she thinks the visits went well.

“All of the puzzles fit together nicely,” she said.

In addition to Riley, Georgia’s state commander visited one day. Ott said all of the

attention can only bring positive results to the service members and the community Ott’s organization has worked with the American Legion to provide computers for area posts to help veterans in their job searches and to access information on the VA website.

In addition, the organization is developing a mentoring program between veterans and service members transitioning from military to civilian life. The program is designed to help them navigate the system from the Department of Defense side to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Trusting in God’s timing

Chaplain (Capt.) Jose Salicido

369th Signal Battalion Chaplain

“But those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like the eagles. They shall run and not grow weary. They shall walk and not faint.”
ISAIAH 40:31

We are all “waiting” for something. Some of us are waiting to get married, to go to school, to make a Permanent Change of Station move, or to get promoted. And we all have a personal sense of timing, an understanding of when things are supposed to happen in our lives. What we forget, however, is that there are two calendars: God’s calendar and ours.

For example, when I was in my last semester of graduate school, I believed that God had informed me that it was time to get married. After all, a minister must be married, right? Ironically, the moment I made a decision to seek out a wife, it seemed that all the women in the world scattered away to hide. And I remained a bachelor until my 30s. Still, God was gracious, and he did send me lovely wife. You see, I had a personal sense of timing. But, I was wrong.

We all have a sense of timing when it comes to significant events in our lives. We even have our own mental images of perfectly compatible partners. I offer the following illustration from Dr. Kevin Leman’s, The Birth Order Book. It is a Christian Singles Ad from a daily newspaper.

It reads as follows: “Christian, blond, blue eyes, 5’2”, 100 lbs. professional, caucasian/female, no dependents, wishes to meet Protestant Christian, professional man in 30s with

college degree who has compassion for animals and people, loves nature, exercise and physical activities. Fitness (no team sports), music and dance, church and home life. Desire non-smoker/non drinker, slender, 5’7”-6,’ lots of head hair, no chest hair, intelligent, honest and trustworthy, sense of humor, excellent communicator of feelings, very sensitive, gentle, affectionate, androgynous attitude about roles, giving, encouraging and helpful to others, no temper or ego problems, secure within and financially, health conscious, neat and clean, extremely considerate and dependable. I believe in old fashioned morals and values. If you do, too, and are interested in a possible Christian commitment, write to PO Box 82533. Please include recent color photo and address.

First, from this ad, it seems pretty obvious that this person will remain single for a very long time. The ad seems funny, maybe even ridiculous. Still, we all have a picture of what a perfect partner should be and look like. Second, it is also true that we have to “wait” for that special someone. But, the problem is that we “wait” with wrong or even unrealistic expectations!

In my opinion, I think we need to throw away our contrived images of the perfect boyfriend or girlfriend, or the perfect husband or wife, and trust in God. He has a much better imagination. Even better, he knows you better than you know yourself. He knows what is best for YOU.

Trust in God’s timing. Pray a lot and wait for Him not your partner. There is an old proverb about God and time. It says, “God may be late, but, he is always on time.”

Don’t help God. Trust Him. And he will bless you with that special someone at His appointed time. Remember, the vision is for an appointed time, even if that vision is the love your life.

Casey gets first-hand look at Iraq transition efforts

Spc. Samuel Soza

Army News Service

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army chief of staff, met with leaders of United States Division-South April 28, to discuss operations within the division and the work being done as U.S. forces transition out of Iraq.

Casey joined Soldiers from various brigades for lunch and then met with Maj. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, commander of 1st Infantry Division and USD-S.

Casey said of the four-hour visit that he was struck by the work accomplished by the 1st Infantry Division.

"The Big Red One always does a magnificent job and my association with the division goes back many, many years," Casey said. "Having been in Iraq for two-and-a-half years, dealing with these provinces, I'm very impressed with the way the division has organized [itself], and the plan that they have to execute the transitions that have been laid out."

During the course of the visit, key leaders informed the general on various aspects of that plan, including overall efforts to train Iraqi Security Forces, as well as their approach to build more civil capacity in southern Iraq.

"I think they're exactly on the right track and I have every reason to believe that the division's going to be more than successful in accomplishing the mission," Casey said, following a comprehensive briefing.

During the information sessions, Casey was also briefed by commanders of several brigades working in USD-S, including 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, from Fort Bliss, Texas; 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, from Fort Benning, Ga.; and 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, from Fort Carson, Colo.

Brigade commanders discussed their units' evolution into "advise-and-assist" brigades. Casey said this transition is in line with the Army's goal for a responsible drawdown of forces, as well as its modular template.

The Army chief of staff said that the modular formations allow brigade commanders to tailor their units to meet their own unique needs best suited for their area of operation and was a crucial part of the transition from a tactical mission in Iraq to one focused on advising and assisting the ISF.

According to Casey, the Army has converted 90 percent of its 300 brigades to modular formations, explaining that these formations are much more versatile than past models.

"There's not a cookie-cutter solution; there's a general design," he said. "Each of the brigade commanders have taken the resources that we've given them and applied them in their areas. I think, again, it's just a demonstration of the versatility of the organization of our modular formations."

Casey talked about newer efforts being put forth to ease the stress that deployed Soldiers face today. According to Casey, 500,000 Soldiers have already taken the Global Assessment Tool - a tool to help Soldiers identify where they rate within a five-pillar wellness concept that includes: physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and family support.

"The comprehensive fitness program is designed to bring mental fitness up to the same level that we give to physical fitness," he said. "It's intended to give all of the Soldiers the skills they need to be better Soldiers and to be more resilient and to deal with challenges. I'm very pleased with the progress that we've made."

Acting on the resiliency concept, Brooks said he plans to open a resiliency campus on COB Basra in August.

In October, the Army began training Master Resilience Trainers to help Soldiers facing deployments.

"The most powerful part of the program is the Master Resilience Trainers," Casey said. "Those trainers are designed

to bring the skills down to platoon level - and that's where this works best. It's just something we've got to ingrain into our culture because we're going to be deploying at a pretty steady tempo for the next 10 years."

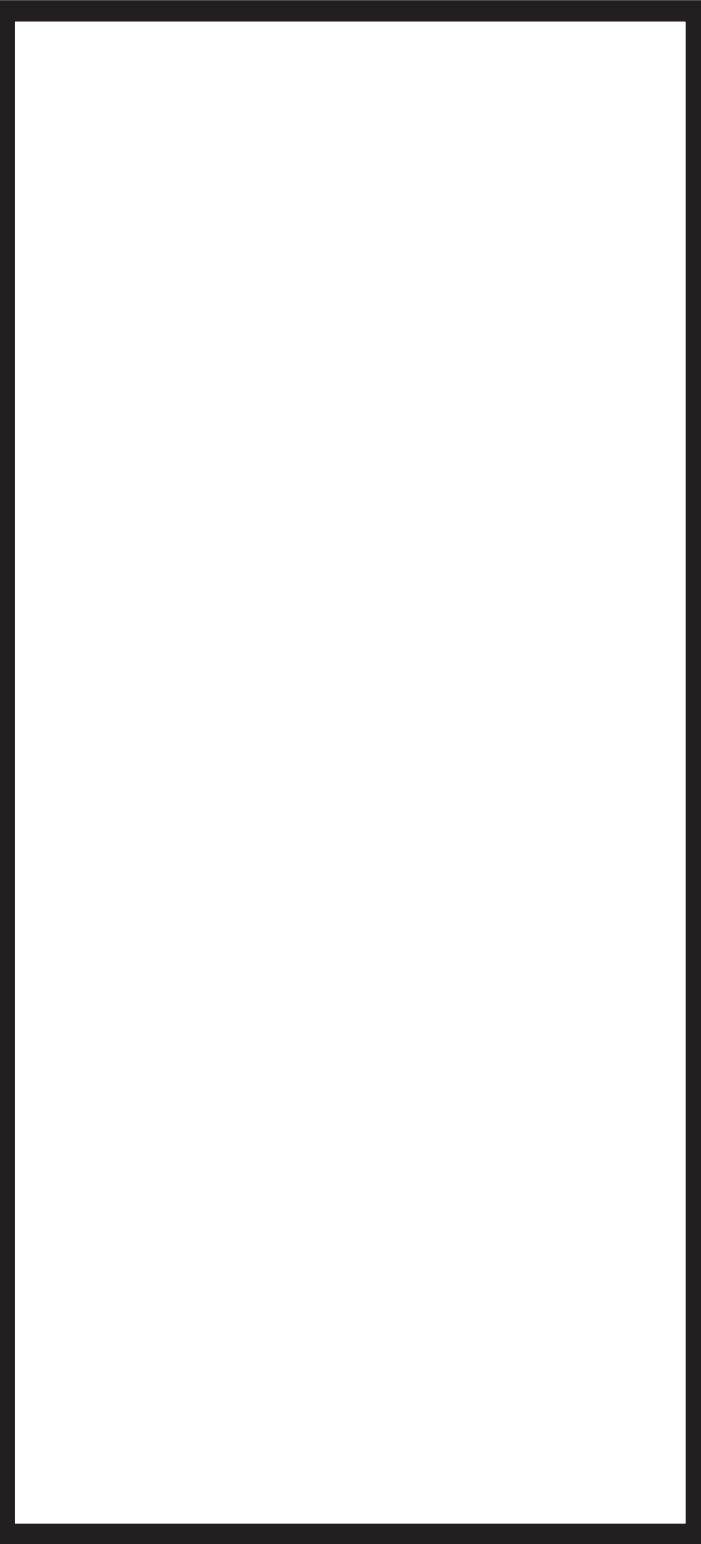
Casey said the progress he sees in Iraq - whether it's better infrastructure and services for the Iraqi people, or taking care of Soldiers on the ground - is the evolution of a plan first set in motion in 2005.

"We've grown the Iraqi Security Forces to a level where they are taking control of their own country and that's exactly what we set out to do five years ago," he said. "So I couldn't be prouder of what all the men and women of the Army have done and have contributed here in Iraq. We're in a much different place today than we were five years ago - it's a much more positive place."



Photo by Spc. Samuel Soza

Maj. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, commander of United States Division-South and 1st Infantry Division, welcomes Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army chief of staff, during a visit to USD-S headquarters on Contingency Operating Base Basra, April 28.



Fort Gordon employee to be honored with organizational award

Nick Spinelli

Signal staff

Fort Gordon’s Relocation Readiness program manager, William Valentine, has been chosen as the recipient of the Brian Goodson Award in a ceremony to be held in Orlando, Fla., May 20.

ERC Worldwide, the organization behind the award said Valentine was chosen, “in recognition of his dedication to advancing the level of relocation to active duty and civilian transferees for the United States military.”

In a letter to Valentine, ERC Interim Executive Director Karen Reid thanked him for his hard work and expressed her honor at presenting the award to him.

“I realize how much time and effort you have put into this and the Joint Services Relocation Program,” she wrote. “You should be proud of the role you have played in making it so successful.”

According to the organization’s Web site, the award is in honor of Brian Goodson, an ERC employee who died in 2009. The award is given to,” one who best embodies the values of Brian Goodson: positive leadership, steadfast integrity, highly effective partnering, consensus building, unwavering commitment to goal attainment, diplomacy and a consistent willingness to go the extra mile (for the United States Military and the communities in which she/he lives and works).”

Founded in 1964, ERC Worldwide is a workforce mobility association for professionals who oversee, manage, or support U.S. domestic and international employee transfer.



Chapel Call

Collective Protestant Services

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. – Liturgical Service, Bicentennial Chapel
9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service, Friendship Chapel
10:30 a.m. – Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel
Noon – Faith Gospel Service, Good Shepherd Chapel
11:00 a.m. – Bicentennial Chapel
11:00 a.m. – Friendship Chapel

Catholic Services

Daily, Mon – Fri, 11:45 a.m., EAMC Chapel
Daily, Mon, Wed, Thurs. 11:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
Saturday, 3:30 p.m., Confessions, Good Shepherd Chapel
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Vigil Mass, Good Shepherd Chapel

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
10:00 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
11:45 a.m., EAMC Chapel

Jewish Activities

Holy Day, Sabbath and Daily
Services available off post
Jonathan Shoenholz, 787-1353

Islamic Services

Jumah (Friday) Prayer Services, Islamic Activities Center, Building 38804 Academic Drive
Oct-Apr, 12:45-1:30; and Apr-Oct, 1:15-1:45
Retired CPO Marshall Abuwi - 772-4303 (Leave message)

Denominational Services

LDS Service – Sunday 1:30-4:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel
LDS Representative is Ralph Wright - 799-9651
Wiccan Service – Sunday 2 - 5 p.m. at Rel Support Ofc. 868-8781

Religious Education

Children & Youth Classes

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, Religious Ed Ctr
Sunday, 11:30 a.m., Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and Sacramental Preparation, Religious Ed Ctr (Sep-May)
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Faith Gospel Classes, Religious Ed Ctr
Youth Groups and Other RE Programs, Randy Dillard – 791- 4703

Adult Bible Studies

Sunday 9:30 a.m., Protestant Adult Studies, Religious Ed Ctr
Sunday 11:30 a.m., Catholic “God and Coffee”, Family Life Ctr
Sunday 11:30 a.m., RCIA at Rel Support Office, 791-4703
Tuesday Noon, EAMC Bible Study, Din Facility, 3rd floor
Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Prot Women of the Chapel, Bicentennial
Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Little Rock Study, Good Shepherd Chapel
Thursday 9:30 a.m., Prot. Women of the Chapel, Bicentennial
Wednesday 11:30 a.m., Post-wide Luncheon, Bicentennial
Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Discipleship Training, Friendship Chapel
Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Faith Gospel Svc at Rel. Ed. Ctr.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m., LDS FHE, Rel Support Ofc. 364-6297
Tuesday Noon., 513th at Motor Pool Conf. Rm.

Managing diversity key to equal employment opportunity

Fort Gordon Equal Employment Opportunity Office

Fort Gordon’s Equal Employment Opportunity office held a training session April 28 in Alexander Hall. The focus of the training was to broaden the understanding of managers and supervisors of the EEO function beyond the perspective of simply processing complaints and setting quotas.

“Although the EEO program does encompass affirmative action as part of a legal and social framework, our mission goes far beyond the restrictiveness of that concept,” explained Barbara Owens, Fort Gordon’s Equal Employment Opportunity officer. “In the larger context of fulfilling our responsibility in carrying out the Installation Commander’s EEO program, it’s important that every employee believe that he/she is being treated fairly and when they are not, that a mechanism is in place that allows them to seek corrective action.”

According to Owens, that role is shared with each and every management official on this post. Managing a diverse workforce in the 21st century is an evolving science and a business necessity. It focuses on maximizing the ability of all employees to contribute to organizational goals by valuing differences.

“The consequences of ignoring diversity can cost time, money, and efficiency,” she said. “The worst case scenario is for our role to be viewed as enforcers when actually the responsibility for “ensuring that employees are treated fairly belongs to their supervisors and managers.”

John Curry, Fort Gordon’s deputy garrison commander, took time at the April 28 training to speak about the importance of EEO.

“For the most part when we think of EEO the first thing that comes to mind is complaints; and that is understandable because most of the EEO capability has to be dedi-

cated to complaints management because of the sheer volume,” he said. “Our employees are smart, they know when their rights have been violated and they are not afraid of challenging management through the EEO process. But, the preferred situation is to reach a state where the bulk of the EEO capability is dedicated to preventative efforts in terms of education, so that the number of complaints is minimized.”

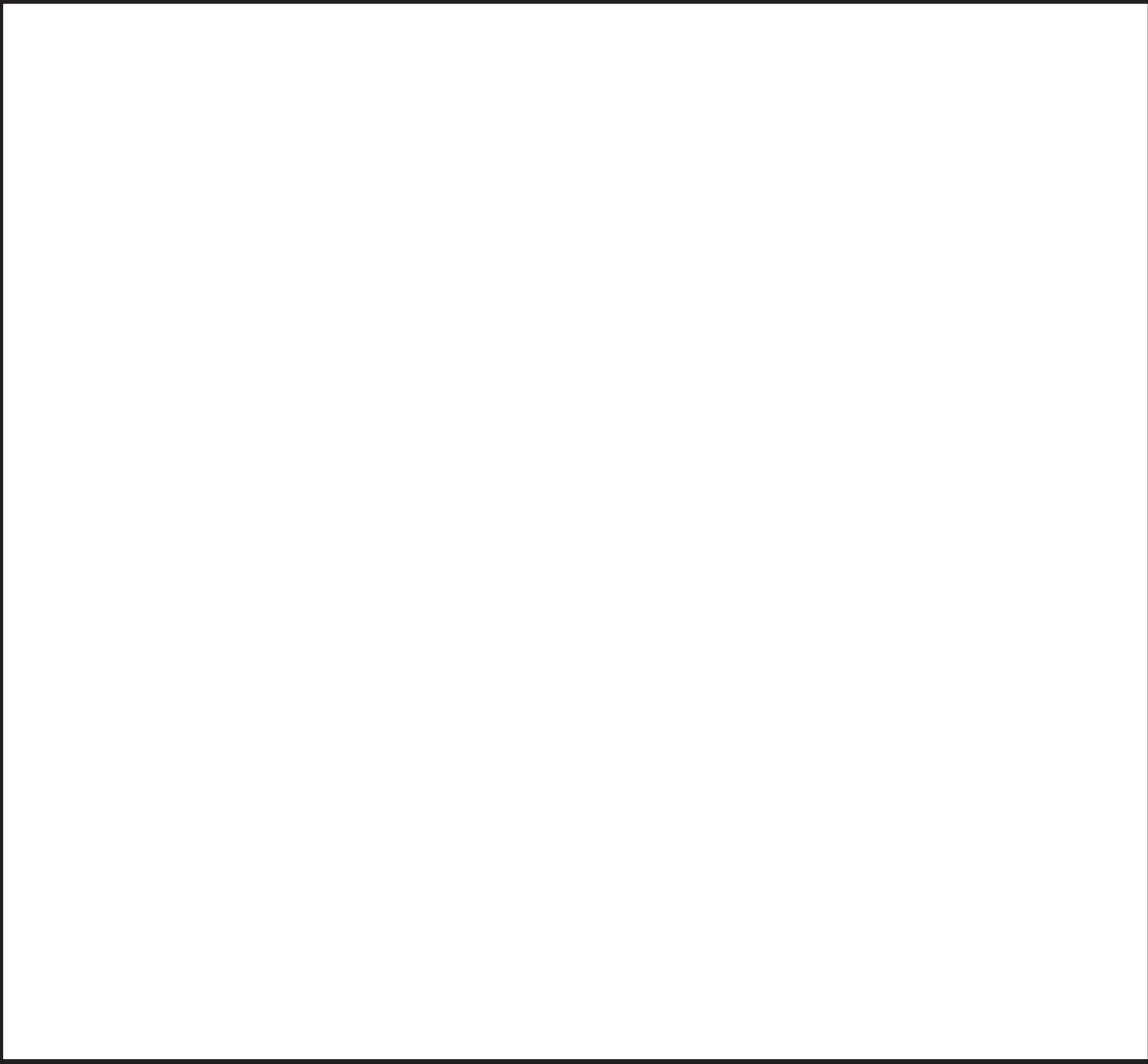
Curry went on to say that EEO was the responsibility of every manager, supervisor and employee across the installation and there were five important factors for leadership to commit to.

1. Thorough understanding of the EEO process
2. Implementation of effective communications within every level of an organization
3. Enforcement of an environment focused on maintaining dignity and respect for all
4. Support of the EEO program to include providing developmental opportunities for employees to serve as EEO complaints counselors
5. Reliance on your EEO experts

Managing diversity is described as an all inclusive concept, which means it must work for everyone. Workplace diversity refers to a variety of differences between people in an organization. For that variety of differences manifested in age, race, gender, personality, educational backgrounds, to function effectively in any organization, human resource professionals need to deal effectively as a team.

“Civilian Personnel, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate as well as the EEO Office are available to assist managers and supervisors in dealing with conflict arising from such issues as communication, adaptability and change in the workplace,” said Owens. Success will come with recognizing the need to approach conflict in a different way not just through complaints and grievances.

The training also stressed how conflict resolution through mediation is a positive approach and litigation should be thought of as a last resort. The long and protracted process of filing complaints is rarely a solution for managers or employees. Managers and supervisors should take the time to listen to employee concerns and address their dissatisfactions before they develop into a full blown complaint.



The Post Critic

Why nostalgia isn’t always good

Nick Spinelli

I don’t have a lot of space this week (don’t blame me, I don’t sell the ad space) so I’ll be brief. Last week, I said I would talk about Platinum Dunes’ horror franchise “re-imaginings,” specifically the newly released *A Nightmare on Elm Street*. Short version: it was fantastic. In many ways, it was superior to the original.

“But Nick,” you might say. “Aren’t you opposed to remakes?”

I am, for the most part, and, as I mentioned last week, I was originally opposed to this one. I’m glad I gave it a chance. What Platinum Dunes has done is not a straight re-telling of the original story with new actors. It truly is a re-imagining. *The Amityville Horror* was a straight remake. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* and *Friday the 13th* remakes were so generic, they could

technically be sequels in their perspective original franchises. But *Nightmare on Elm Street* takes the familiar character of Freddy Krueger and re-invents him, subverting the cannon back-story and consequently telling a (mostly) new tale.

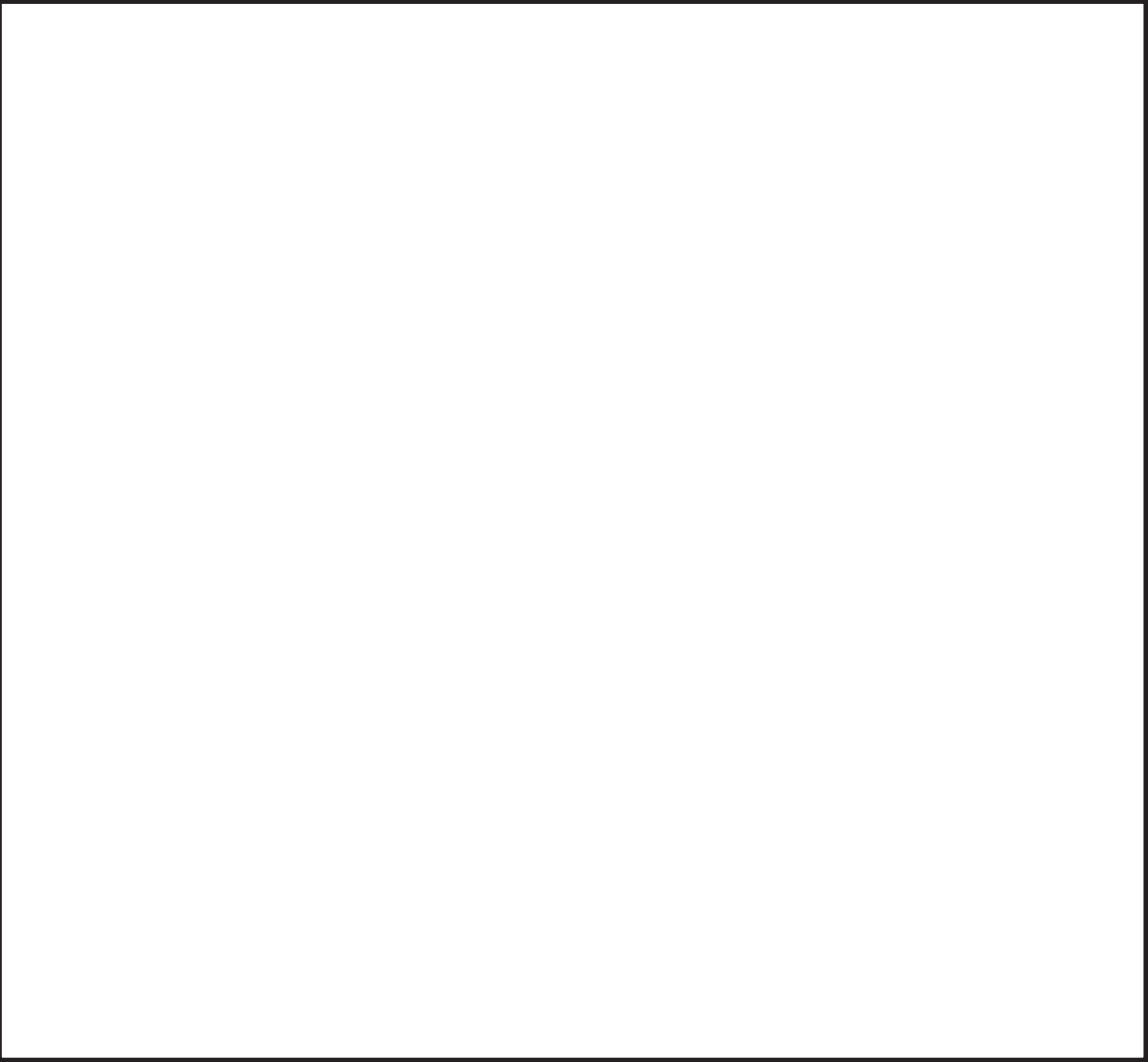
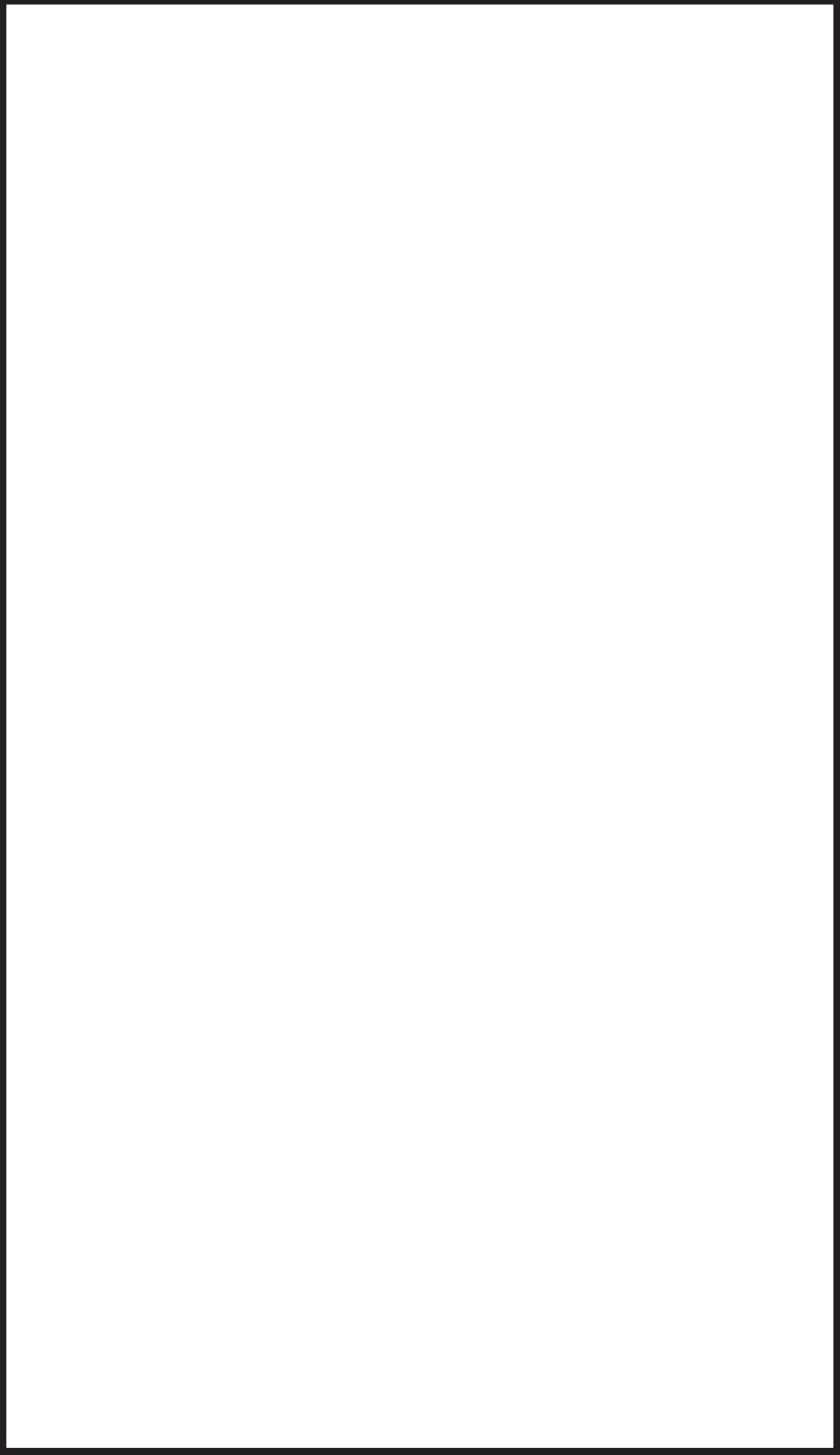
Personally, I prefer this new one. Plot wise, it goes places the original either couldn’t or wouldn’t, providing a story with much deeper stakes and a motivation not seen in the original franchise. Additionally, modern production values have resulted in better effects and performances.

Which brings me to my point: Go back and watch the original. Remember last week when I said how awesome it was? I was wrong. I remember it being awesome because at the time I originally saw it, it was. Now, without the filter of nostalgia, I see it for what it is: an interesting, but deeply flawed and rather trite narra-

tive, with VERY dated production values. Even Johnny Depp (in his first movie role) was bad, showing no signs of the fantastic actor he has since become.

There are some films that are flawless. *Casablanca* for instance should never be touched. And I don’t think anyone will disagree with me that Gus Van Sant’s remake of *Psycho* was anything more than a waste of time. Don’t even get me started on the trash that was Tim Burton’s *Planet of the Apes*. But there are some updates and remakes that work, either because the original is too trapped in the era it was made to be effective, or it was never effective to begin with. It’s too bad our nostalgia for the original versions too often get in the way of us enjoying them.

Alfie and Sleuth are two remakes that I personally think are superior to the originals. Let me know what you think at postcritic@hotmail.com.



IKE's Health Net

DDEAMC celebrates the “Spirit of Nursing”

Lt. Col. Benjamin Stinson
Deputy Director, Practical Nurse Course

The Spirit of Nursing Showcase is an annual event that occurs during National Nurses Week. Sponsored by the Georgia Nurses Association, the showcase is designed to allow nurses from the Central Savannah River Area and surrounding areas to come together to share experiences and network with their professional colleagues. Additionally, the showcase offers the nursing profession an opportunity to honor and recognize its brightest stars who exemplify every day what it means to be a nurse.

For several years, Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center has played an important role in organizing this function by having at least two nurses on the planning committee. This year the nurses who took part in the preparation for the Spirit of Nursing Showcase are Lt. Ebonique McClinnahan from Inpatient Psychiatry and Lt. Col. Benjamin Stinson from the Practical Nurse Course.

Not only does the Spirit of Nursing Showcase honor those who show exceptional nursing ability, it also serves as a reminder of those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. As a part of the Nursing Showcase, participants will aid the Army Nurse Corps in paying tribute to the Fallen Soldiers. To this end, the ceremony will include the Color Guard, Posting of the Colors, and a table set aside as a visual reminder of the respect and remembrance each Fallen Soldier deserves.

Additionally this event has also provided a unique recruitment platform for Eisenhower Army Medical Center and the Army Nurse Corps. Because military nurses are dressed in their Mess Dress or Dress Blues, many civilian nurses become interested in

the Army Nurse Corps, particularly in the opportunities and experiences to be gained from the Nurse Corps as well as how it can further help in the development of their careers.

The cost for participation in the Showcase is determined by the tier package purchased by the participating institution. The VIP package will buy an institution a table for 10 participants and two nominations for Nurse of the Year. Nurses in the running for this award were nominated from each of the following seven categories: staff nurse, nurse educator, nurse manager, home health nurse, nurse administrator, community health nurse and advanced practice nurse.

Eisenhower Army Medical Center employs more than 800 registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Two of the nominees for Nurse of the Year are employees of Eisenhower Army Medical Center. These nurses were identified by the members of the selection committee who are Eisenhower Army Medical Center nursing employees and thus were also entered into the running to become the CSRA's Nurse of the Year. The two nurses nominated for this year's award are Lt. Samantha Agee and Chris Elder. The selection committee from the Nursing Showcase will select the Nurse of the Year from the CSRA based on letters submitted by the nurse's respective institutions detailing their merits and achievements.

The Nursing Showcase Committee members are made up representatives from the following institutions: Medical College of Georgia, Veterans Administration Hospital, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Augusta State University, University of South Carolina at Aiken, University Hospital and Trinity Hospital.

May Health Observances

- Mental Health Month
Nat'l Asthma & Allergy Awareness Month
Arthritis Awareness
Nat'l Osteoporosis Month
Healthy Vision Month
Lyme Disease Awareness Month
Skin Cancer Prevention Month
Asian Pacific Heritage Month "Profiles in courage and leadership"
- DDEAMC Chaplains Conference for Local Pastors and Clergy on
“Ever Wonder How to Take Care of a Returning Combat Soldier?”
May 11, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 3rd Floor Chapel
Call (706) 787-6667 for more info.
- Breaking Free – My Life with Dissociative Identity Disorder
By University of GA Heisman Trophy Winner Herschel Walker
May 13, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Alexander Hall
Open to the public
- Quarterly Pastoral Care Luncheon
May 19, Noon, 3rd Floor Ike's Café
Call (706) 787-6667 for more info.
- GME Annual Resident Research Day
May 21, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., EAMC 1st Floor auditorium
- Eisenhower's Hematology/Oncology Clinic is available for referral to all DoD Tricare beneficiaries, through the Specialty Care Coordination Office at (706) 787-0297 or toll free at (877) 667-5828.
The Clinic provides Monthly Cancer Support “Education” Meetings and Weekly Cancer Support “Group” Meetings.
- Monthly Cancer Support “Education” meetings offers support to both EAMC patients and their caregivers, providing helpful/useful information. These meetings are facilitated by our Hematology Oncology staff. The Education meetings are held every third Thursday of the month. Meetings will provide guest speakers who will share a common victory, “Cancer Survival”. For more information, contact the Heme/Onc Clinic: (706) 787-8665 or (706) 787-8624.
- Weekly Cancer Support “Group” Meetings are especially for EAMC patients and survivors. Meetings are held every Wednesday, at 4:15 p.m. For additional information, contact Social Work Services at (706) 787-3656.
- Location: Eisenhower Army Medical Center, (8 East) Room 8B-06.



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Marine Mud Challenge 2010

The Fort Gordon Marine Mud Challenge 2010 is scheduled for May 14 in the field located at the intersection of 3rd Avenue and 3rd Avenue bypass (behind the Pxtra). The Children's Challenge has three start times: 8, 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 per child. Youngsters 12 years old and younger may enter the children's mud challenge. Individuals, age 13 years old and older, must compete in the Adult Mud Challenge which starts at 9 a.m. at the same location. For more information or to registration call 791-6221 or e-mail MARINEMUD-CHALLENGE@YAHOO.COM .

Live Roller Derby

Augusta's own roller derby team, Soul City Sirens, play May 16 against the ladies of Lowcountry High Rollers of Charleston, S.C., at the Red Wing Rollerway, located at 3065 Washington Road in Augusta. Doors open at 6 p.m.; skates roll out at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Kids under 12 get in free. The Sirens beat Savannah Derby Devils of Savannah, Ga., 112 - 84 in their home game April 18. For ticket information call 860-1548 or visit soulcitysirens.com.

Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association Augusta-Fort Gordon Chapter's Spring Scholarship 2010 Golf Tournament is scheduled May 21 at Fort Gordon. It's a Captain's Choice format; tournament check-in starts at 10:30 a.m. Sign up, pay and choose your teams via the web at www.tournevents.com/afcea-augusta. For more information call Joe Yavorsky at 791-4211 or visit yavorskyjs@aol.com.

Gordon Lanes Bowling Center

The Gordon Lanes Bowling Center, Building 33200, located on 3rd Avenue, has several special events going on or scheduled. Quarter Mania is held 5 to 11 p.m. Mondays; games are 25 cents. X-treme Cosmic Bowling takes place 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Come out and enjoy the show.

Mixed leagues are forming. Sunday Night special League starts May 9, Nine-Pin No Tap League begins May 12, Friday Night Mixed kicks off May 22, and Guys and Dolls starts May 25. Youth Summer Bowling Club starts June 12; it's held 10 a.m. every Saturday. Adult beverage and Pizza Club starts 7 p.m. May 25; it's held every Tuesday. Scotch Doubles League kicks off 6:30 p.m. May 27. Summer Scratch Doubles starts June 2.

Professional Bowling Tournament is slated 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. June 4-6. For more information call 791-3446.

Sports submissions

Send items for the Sports Update column and/or Sports page to Bonnie Heater at bonnie.heater@us.army.mil.

Emergency Services Family Day



Photo by Bonnie Heater

Fort Gordon's Fire and Emergency Services held their first Family Day April 24 at the main Fire Station, Building 32420, on Rice Road. The event was moved from Barton Field to the Fire Station because of the rain. The day's event included: an egg race, a water balloon contest, inflatable slides and lots of delicious homemade food. Planning for the event began in August 2009. "It was important to us [police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians] to get to know each other and their families on a personal level," said firefighter Vito Gallo, the brainchild of this event. He has plans to expand the event in the years to come. (Above) Fort Gordon's Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician Basic James Freece barely catches a water balloon thrown to him by his partner Matthew Williams, who is also a Fort Gordon firefighter. They won the water balloon contest.

Sirens skated over Charlotte B-Dazzlers 163-71

Jessica Thompson

Special to the Signal

Augusta's own roller derby team, The Soul City Sirens began their second full roller derby season on February 21. So far they are 3-0. The season opener was played in Augusta at Red Wing Rollerway against The Charlotte B-Dazzlers of Charlotte, N.C. This was the first time the Sirens played the B-Dazzlers. Although the B-Dazzlers fought hard to the end, the final score was 163-71 with the Sirens taking the win. A portion of the proceeds from this bout were donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training.

The second bout of the season was an away game in Birmingham, Ala., against the Tragic City Rollers on March 14. Tragic City is a well established team with several full seasons under their belt. The score was tight for the entire bout. At half-time the score was 52-51 with the Sirens leading by one point. The game started to get dirty with Tragic City's Dixie Thrasher getting a busted lip. During the course of the bout two Tragic City players were ejected from the game for major penalties. At the start of the final jam, Tragic City led by two points. Their jammer got through the pack first, however was sent to the penalty box immediately for committing a major penalty. This gave the Sirens' jammer the time she needed to gain enough points to eke out a win. The end result was

a score of 97-94 with the Sirens taking the win.

On April 18 back home in Augusta, the Sirens took on the Savannah Derby Devils. This was expected to be a very close bout, but in the end the Sirens took the win with a score of 112-84. The Sirens had a strategy for building walls and holding back the opponents jammer and it worked very well for the entire bout. The Sirens gained a lead during the first half that the Derby Devils could not overcome. Repeatedly during the bout the Sirens' blockers trapped the Savannah jammer in the pack while creating holes for their own jammer. They also repeatedly encouraged the Savannah jammer to commit penalties so that she would have to spend time in the penalty box. This left the track free for the Sirens jammer to pick up points, while the Savannah jammer sat in the box. A portion of the proceeds from this bout were donated to Augusta's Autism Awareness Society.

The Sirens' next bout of the season will be May 16 in Augusta at Red Wing Rollerway against the Lowcountry High Rollers of Charleston, S.C. This will be the first bout for newbies: 2nd Lt. Lindsay Roufa, whose skate name is Josie Stalin, and Sgt. Kristen Bell, who skates as 3D. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bout starts at 6:30 p.m. Check www.soulcitysirens.com for more information and the 2010 season schedule.

Exercise of the week

‘Extend to the left’



Inverted Push ups

STARTING POSITION: Hands shoulder width apart underneath bar.

EXECUTION: Pull chest up to bar squeezing shoulder blades together then slowly return to start position. Andrew Kassheimer, the fitness manager at Fort Gordon Fitness Center, recommends 3 sets of 10 - 12 repetitions. Exercise strengthens your back. For more exercise tips, call 791-3446.

18th Annual Signal Corps Regimental Association 10k, 5k and 1-mile fun run

The 18th Annual Signal Corps Regimental Association Spring Challenge 10K, 5K and 1-mile kid's fun run is 7:30 a.m. June 5 starting at Signal Towers on Chamberlain Ave.

The 10K certified loop has rolling hills and a few intermediate upgrades. The 1 mile kid run is a flat up and back course and is perfect for the whole family. Awards will be given to the top finishers as well as medals to each kid run participant. Water stations will be available throughout the race and food and refreshments are available following. Each participant will receive an event T-shirt.

Participants can register online at www.active.com, keyword SCRA 10K /5K, or by printing out the flyer located at <http://scra-agc.org/Events/10KRun/10KRun.htm> and bringing a check or cash to Greely Hall (Bldg. 29809) room 209A. The cost is \$20 for the 10K, \$12 for the 5K and \$5 for the kids run.

Visit <http://scra-agc.org/Events/10KRun/10KRun.htm>, e-mail daniel.zimmerman@us.army.mil, or call (706) 840-4878.

Golf Scholarship Classic

The Annual Omega Resources Community Development Inc., Scholarship Golf Classic is slated for May 15 at Gordon Lakes Golf Course. It's a four-man super ball play (Captain's choice). Registration begins at 11 a.m.; shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m. There will be prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and trophies for first, second and third places. Pre-registration cost is \$60, which includes golf cart, green fees, gift packet, value coupons, prizes, and lunch. Registration the day of the tournament is \$70. Proceeds will benefit students of Richmond and Columbia County High Schools. For more information call Marvin Jennings at (678) 618-6434, James Blackmon at 726-8256 or e-mail orcdfoundation@yahoo.com.

Spectrum

Gearing up for adventure

Nick Spinelli
Signal staff

There’s an old saying that goes, “the greatest journey begins with a single step.” For ten years running, that has been true for participants of Augusta in Army Boots, a program designed to allow community members to experience a day in the life of a Soldier.

It’s an outstanding program,” said Alia Naffouj, Fort Gordon’s community relations officer who has recently taken over the program. “It really is a great way to reach out to the community and show them what we do.”

The latest ten AIAB participants began the activities May 5, with a breakfast with their “battle buddies,” the active duty Soldiers who would be participating alongside them. Ahead was 26 hours of training including hand-to-hand-combat, first aid, weapons, and field exercises. But before any of that, they had to get ready.

After breakfast, the participants gathered in Gym 3 on Fort Gordon, where they were assigned their equipment and given their uniforms.

“I’ve been interested in this program ever since I first heard of it,” said Lynthia Owens, the District Director for Congressman John Barrow’s office. “For me, it’s a one day experience, but for Soldiers this is everyday life. I’m honored to have the opportunity to spend a day in their boots.”

The next morning, the participants were honorarily promoted to the rank of 2nd Lt. and then return home with a better understanding of a Soldier’s world. But for now, here in the gym, they are preparing: gathering equipment, putting on uniforms, taking that first step to a day and night of adventure and an insight into the mindset of those who serve their country.

Augusta in Army Boots is currently held twice a year. The next event is scheduled for October.



Photos by Nick Spinelli

From left: Capt. Christina Aleman, 63rd Signal Battalion, discusses the upcoming activities with Augusta in Army Boots participant Dee Dee Kurilla, Alzheimer Center developmental director, and program coordinator Alia Naffouj, Fort Gordon’s community relations officer.

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2nd Lt. Jean Jeudy, 15th Signal Brigade (left), secures the kevlar helmet of Adam Heinicke, a CIO/G-6 intern attached to Fort Gordon.



Amy Rickard, Salvation Army First Stop and Shop director, (right) gathers her supplies while 2nd Lt. Ibrahima Diallo, Leader College of Information Technology, checks to make sure she has everything she needs.



Tyson Holt, Center for Enhanced Performance (left), watches and waits as 2nd Lt. Daniel Eady, Leader College of Information Technology, prepares to hand him a rifle.



Robert Cooks, president and CEO of Augusta NIP, (left) has his vest properly secured by his “battle buddy” 1st Lt. Corey Campbell, 15th Signal Brigade.